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9TH ANNUAL POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK POSTER CONTEST NOW UNDERWAY

Victorville – The Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) invites local youngsters to celebrate National Pollution Prevention ("P2") Week – September 20-26 – by entering its ninth annual P2 Week Poster Contest.

"The 'Air' Necessities of Life" is the theme of this year's contest, which is co-sponsored by the *Daily Press* and the Mojave Desert Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association. First, second, third and fourth place winners in three age categories from 4 to 18 will be awarded \$100, \$75 and \$50 savings bonds. Additionally, contest winners whose entries are the result of a classroom project will have their teachers recognized alongside them during an awards ceremony scheduled for mid-September, and have their posters featured in the local air agency's 2005 calendar.

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Posters must be drawn freehand on 8 ½" by 11"paper, and include the contestants name, address, age and phone number on their back sides. Entries must be postmarked or hand delivered to the MDAQMD's offices at 14306 Park Avenue, Victorville, CA, 92392 by September 13 at 5:00PM. For a complete set of rules or for more information, contact the District's Community Relations & Education Office at (760) 245-1661, ext. 6101 or visit the MDAQMD's website at www.mdaqmd.ca.gov.